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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV REACTION TO ITALIAN APRIL 16 NOTE ON TRIESTE

REF: (A) ROME 5335; (B) BELGRADE 1826

1. INITIAL PRESS REACTION TO ITALIAN APRIL 16 NOTE IS THAT IT IS "COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE". PER FRONT PAGE POLITIKA OF APRIL 18, "IT SAYS IN THE NOTE THAT ITALY 'HAS NO TERRITORIAL PRETENSIONS TOWARDS YUGOSLAVIA' BUT IN DOING SO CLEARLY MAKES IT KNOWN THAT THE ROME GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER WHAT IT REFERS TO AS 'ZONE B' AN INTEGRAL PART OF YUGOSLAV TERRITORY".

2. IN CONVERSATION AT FEC DINNER FOR SENATOR KENNEDY APRIL 17, DEPUTY FONSEC PETRIC EXPRESSED NEGATIVE YUGOSLAV REACTION TO NOTE. TO AMBASSADOR'S OBSERVATION IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO DROP FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES IN FAVOR OF ORAL DIALOGUE, PETRIC SAID YUGOSLAV OPTION ON THAT REMOVED BY ITALIAN PUBLICATION OF NOTE.

3. FSFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA RADKO MOCIVNIK (FORMER MINISTER COUNSELOR IN ROME) TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR AT SAME FUNCTION THAT IT HIS PERSONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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OPINION THE NOTE WAS DRAFTED BEFORE TITO'S SPEECH, "AT

LEAST THAT'S THE WAY IT READS". (COMMENT: IF ABOVE OPINION CONTINUES TO BE HELD BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS THERE IS SOME HOPE THEY MIGHT TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT WHILE FORMULATING RESPONSE. DOUBT THIS WILL BE THE CASE, HOWEVER, UNLESS ITALIANS SIGNAL THIS IN SOME MANNER.)

4. MEANWHILE, POSSIBILITY THAT TITO MEANT ACTUAL BORDER RECTIFICATIONS WHEN HE SAID YUGOSLAVS WILLING DISCUSS "CONCRETE QUESTIONS ON THE BORDER" HAS BEEN DENIED BY BORBA APRIL 17 EDITORIAL: "WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SOME CONCRETE QUESTIONS, BUT NOT ABOUT CHANGES IN THE BORDER, RATHER ABOUT THE CREATION OF BROADER AND MORE FRUITFUL COMMUNICATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES OF GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS". FSFA NORTH AMERICAN DIRECTOR STARCEVIC WAS VAGUE ON THIS SUBJECT IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM, STATING TITO WAS REFERRING TO ALL THE QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN BILATERAL MEETINGS SINCE 1954. ONLY EXAMPLE HE WAS WILLING TO CITE WAS QUESTION OF PROVIDING TRIESTE WITH ADEQUATE POTABLE WATER FROM ACROSS FRONTIER.
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